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Request for Review of a decision made by USAC – CC Docket No. 02-6

Billed Entity Number: 143284

Funding Year: 2009 (7/1/2009 – 6/30/2010)

Form 471 Number: 668143

FRN: 1823878

Decision being appealed: Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated September 3, 2009

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I am writing to request a waiver of the deadline for filing an appeal and a review by the Commission of a decision by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). We submitted a Form 471 for the purchase of switches for the District. The Block 4 on that Form 471 included six schools. It did not include the Celestino Romero Administration Building (EN 16033090), which was also to receive a switch. The staff working on our E-rate matters at the time of the filing thought that, since the Administration Building was connected to Taos Middle School via fiber, it would be considered part of the Middle School. We have since come to understand that, since the Administration Building is separated by a right-of-way from the Middle School, the Administration Building should have been listed separately on the Block 4. Since we need a new switch at the Administration Building, we ask that you direct the Universal Service Administrative Company to add this entity to the Block 4 in the Form 471. This request does not affect the funding commitment SLD has already made – it simply lets us use that commitment for all the sites that were to receive equipment.

During the course of PIA review, Taos Municipal Schools (TMS) sent SLD a copy of the bid from Harris Technology Services, Inc., the service provider for this FRN. That document showed that equipment would be installed at the Administration Building, so although TMS made a mistake on its Form 471, SLD could have asked a question about the Administration Building during review and resolved this issue.

TMS is a very poor school district, as you can see from the discount percentage on our forms 471. Discounts on the switch for the Administration Building are important to us, and we hope you will be able to grant our request and let SLD fix our mistake.

Sincerely,



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